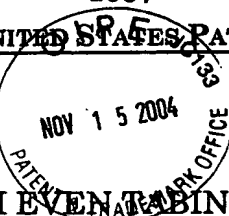




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Filed: August 9, 2000
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INCREASED LOAD CAPACITY

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This is in response to the renewed "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed June 1, 2001.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Wan Laymon at (703) 306-5685.

This application is being forwarded to Initial Patent Examination Division for Preexamination Processing.

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